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**Insurance Committee Public Hearing**

**Tuesday, February 26, 2013**

**Connecticut Association of Health Plans**

**Testimony regarding**

**HB 6478 AAC THE CLAIMS DATA PROVIDED TO CERTAIN EMPLOYERS**

The Connecticut Association of Health Plans respectfully urges the Committee's caution with respect to passage of HB 6478 AAC The Claims Data Provided to Certain Employers. The bill before you significantly broadens the carefully negotiated language of Public Act 10-163 which required the disclosure of certain claims data to employers/municipalities within certain parameters. Coverage contracts are entered into between employers/municipalities and health insurance carriers and as such the current law allows employers/municipalities to request certain information with respect to their claims experience from their insurance carriers

If we understand HB 6478 correctly, it takes Public Act 10-163 one step further allowing the release of an employer's/municipality's *"full" data set to just one bargaining unit* if that one bargaining unit makes a request.

Public Act 10-163 strove to assure the confidentiality of the employees whose data is being provided, and while we remain concerned that with a group size of 50 employees that it is fairly easy to tie specific claims to individual employees potentially compromising their privacy rights, the bill before you exacerbates that concern even further.

In addition, the costs associated with providing this level of reporting are significant and we would respectfully request that language be added to the existing statute requiring that the employer bear the cost of providing such information.

Thank you for your consideration.